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The Battle at Albany.

The defeat of Gov. Hughes in the New York election yesterday by a combination of machine politicians of both parties may lead to some far-reaching consequences. Lines are drawn which are very plain to the public, and they should mark the future engagement between the two contestants.

In asking for the removal of the superintendent of insurance, Gov. Hughes obeyed the meaning of his election to office. The people at the polls had demanded reform, not alone in the stoppage of flagrant abuses, but in the matter of the execution of all laws by state officials. They expressed a desire not only for honest, but for thoroughly competent and aggressive men in the responsible state places. Believing that Superintendent Kelsey was lacking in force, the governor marked him for removal, and recommended action in a message pitched in the key of last year's republican campaign promises.

This developed the machine men on both sides. Republicans of the Raines stamp joined hands with democrats of the Grady and McCarren stamp to block the way. They thought they saw danger to the order of things all along the line. Putting the insurance department on the basis of an aggressive interpretation of the law meant similar action in all departments of the state government. Campaign promises? The Raines people had made none, and the Grady and McCarren people had fought all that Gov. Hughes had made. A combination, therefore, was easily effected, and assisted by corporation influences all over the state, it triumphed yesterday and saved Mr. Kelsey's bacon.

Now for the future. What will Gov. Hughes do? As he is both an earnest and an honest man he is not to be expected to field his general program to the opposition. One defeat does not make a rout, any more than one swallow makes a summer. Probably the governor has just begun to fight; and maybe this defeat will help him in the end. He knows his enemy now, and what is inspiring him, and the sources from which the enemy is drawing his supplies.

The country at large will take notice, for here again is the contest between those great corporations, which want to run things in their own lines and for their own account, and the public, whose interests are largely at stake. Last fall, at the polls, the people carried the day, and last winter Gov. Hughes entered upon his duties at Albany. Now, in this Kelsey matter, the corporations have carried the day. Next year approaches, and all of this will enter into the national campaign. What say the people of New York? Are they still with the man whom they chose last November for leader upon a distinct platform which he is today endeavoring to carry out?

The Value of Railroad Properties.

Why not an official valuation of all railroad properties? Does it not properly and logically follow government regulation of railroad rates? That the railroads are entitled to a fair return on their investments is indisputable. They are not in business through motives of philanthropy or for their health, but to perform a public service which is indispensable and valuable. Like other laborers, they are worthy of their pay, and the figure should be a liberal and living one.

But as the public supports the railroads and has undertaken to regulate their charges, it is entitled to know all about them. It should not be required to pay on and for something that does not and cannot exist. It should not be forced to carry railroad water on either shoulder. That it has been carrying a good deal of it for many years and is now doing so admits of no doubt. Some recent developments in that line have been rather startling. The Chicago and Alton transaction alone is illuminating to a degree that almost takes the breath away. All the business of that kind that has taken place should be exposed.

The public is able and willing to pay for all legitimate services rendered by legitimate corporations operating on legitimate bases. Our transportation figures are enormous. There is no more inviting field for investments; and it is being tilted by experts. The managers of our railroads are among the best business men of whom the country boasts. All they require for success is a fair chance; and that is what they would enjoy with every drop of water squeezed out of railroad properties.

It is a mistake to assume, as some are doing, that all the leading railroad men are opposed to an ascertainment and authorized statement of the real value of the country's railroads. Some favor the policy, and are themselves ready for a showdown. Why should the others be permitted to dictate matters? It cannot be true that the evil of overcapitalization has gone so far that the publication of the exact situation would throw the financial world out of plumb. Men of the Harriman stripe have probably been as busy as opportunities allowed, but can hardly be gone that far. Whatever exists of that character, however, should be laid bare, and those responsible for it brought to book.

Having entered upon government regulation, we must go to the bottom of the railroad problem if we are to achieve any widespread and lasting benefits. Men like Mr. Bryan want to see the policy fail, in the hope that failure will usher in government ownership; and it will fail unless it is thoroughly developed and administered.

In a very short time the weather bureau's announcement "warmer" will sound more like a threat than a promise.

Baltimore's Mayoralty Contest.

The voters of Baltimore next Tuesday will pass upon as important a municipal question as has been presented in this country in a long time. By their decision that day they will forward or retard a proposition to which many men all over the land look for relief from some of the gravest of the ills which afflict municipal government.

It is the general belief that city rule in the United States is shaped too much on the lines and through the selfish agencies of partisan politics. The complaint is heard in all quarters. What is needed, it is stated, is city rule based upon the city's interests, appraised according to business principles and requirements. Why give up to party what is intended for, and should inure to the benefit of, all within the city's borders?

In other words, why not a business rather than a partisan administration of our municipalities?

Mr. Timanus, the mayor of Baltimore, a republican, succeeded to the office upon the death of Mayor McLean, a democrat. He did not change his political affiliations at all, but he did not permit them to color the conduct of his office. He took a broad view of his opportunities and obligations, and put the general welfare above all other considerations. His administration has been a pronounced success from every point of view, and he is a candidate to succeed himself. What say the voters of the town?

He is opposed as a republican. He is a republican and the nominee of his party. But what, for independent voters, has that got to do with the case? He was a republican when he assumed the duties of the mayoralty, having been elected as a party man to the office which had put him in line for the succession. But his party has not used him for party purposes. He has kept the city's interests always foremost; and is it anything but fair to assume that if elected next Tuesday he will continue the same policy? Has he not shown the stuff of a good mayor is made, and is he not entitled to endorsement on his record?

If he is defeated what instruction, what warning, will the result carry to his successful opponent? To return to partisan politics? To keep the party, rather than the city, in view? or at least season matters as strongly with partisanship as possible?

Personally, both candidates stand very high in the community, and each is a good party man in party matters. But if a successful and business-like administration of the city's affairs is the paramount consideration, the choice is between a performance and a promise. Mr. Timanus in office has made good, and that is assurance that if endorsed at the polls he will make good again. His party, which has supported his record, will support him in his effort to continue it. Mr. Mahood, with his excellent character and the best intentions, would be an experiment; and, elected as a partisan, might, under pressure, prove one, and no more, in office.

The Senate's Minority Leadership.

Some of the southern newspapers are not pleased with the suggestion of Mr. Overman of North Carolina for minority leader in the Senate. Their disapproval seems to rest on the report that the suggestion came originally from the President. They shake their heads at the wonder why. What explains the President's interest? And what came it to pass that he fixed upon the North Carolina senator? They fear a republican bearing a democratic leader, and a democrat willing to be "totled" by a republican, even the President.

Let us not be hasty. The President, if he spoke at all, may not have gone beyond a personal compliment. He may only have said, speaking from personal observation of an alert and agreeable man, that Mr. Overman as leader would probably give a good account of himself.

Discussion of the subject has been frequent here ever since Mr. Gorman died. Mr. Blackburn was only a stop-gap, and now that he is out of the Senate a real leader for definite business on the eve of a presidential election must be chosen. Mr. Overman's democracy needs, of course, no explanation or defense. It is deeply tarred with the Tar-Heel stick, and is recognized in all sections of the Old North state. He should not suffer in a partisan sense by reason of being a welcome visitor at the White House. It is his duty to be on good terms there. Business often takes him there, and when he goes he wants to be successful with his errands. Politics in Washington is not as fierce as at Podunk when a campaign is in progress.

Agreeable and alert Mr. Overman is, and good looking in the bargain. Popular he also is, and on both sides of the Senate chamber. But a minority leader, to be successful, must possess a larger equipment than that. He should be a thorough parliamentarian, a tactician of a high order, a clever and a ready debater, and an excellent judge of men. He should know the qualities and possibilities of every man under him, and be able to command his whole force at a moment's notice. He must also have decision, and always know what is going on in his own, and, if possible, in the other fellow's, camp.

Mr. Gorman's service set the pegs pretty high. He had spent so much time in politics, and knew the Senate so thoroughly, he met the matter of his party's responsibility there with unusual success. He was at home, and familiar with the way around. Caucuses, conferences, feints, and both frontal and flank attacks, were in his line. He grew to be an expert, and able to read with ease a parliamentary situation by the hair. His party was fortunate next winter if its choice falls upon a man whose talent for that kind of business even approximate those of the lost leader.

King Edward.

The strenuous life is not confined to Washington and Berlin. Elsewhere may be found a high official who leads it. King Edward was in Paris yesterday and saw the President of France. Subsequently he had an interview with Premier Clemenceau.

He has recently visited King Alfonso and King Victor Emmanuel and talked business with them. This is getting around at a good gate. The Englishman, before he ascended the throne, was regarded as only a man of pleasure, and not given to energy even in pursuit of entertainment. But since assuming power he has been all business and all alive, and is holding his own in point of industry and results with the youngest and most vigorous of his contemporaries. Swift times, live men. Slow coaches are out of date.

The fear in England that the opera, "The Mikado," will offend the Japanese must offer a strong temptation to W. S. Gilbert to take up his satirical pen once more.

The delegates who discussed the cases of Moyer and Haywood with the President were received with a cordiality which indicates no intention of classifying them as undesirable citizens.

Some of the Central Americans seem disposed to take undue advantage of the peace sentiments so earnestly expressed in the United States.

Strike agitation in San Francisco may yet enable that city to renew its prestige as headquarters for all kinds of trouble.

George Cox of Cincinnati managed to reconcile the two theatrical syndicates without calling any peace conferences.

Even W. R. Hearst is compelled to admit that there were great men in the McClellan family.

Tin Cans.

Out in Trenton, Mo., a spirit of cleanliness has recently been awakened and as a result of it the town is enjoying the blessings of tidiness to an extent never before dreamed possible. One of the most conspicuous sights of the Trenton landscape was the discarded tin can. That emblem of slovenliness greeted the eye of every Trentonite who looked out of a back window. The good women of Trenton, who had joined a "clean city club," hit upon a plan that would not only rid the place of tin cans, but would give their campaign a boom and bring it to the attention of all classes of people. They offered to pay twenty-five cents a hundred for all old tin cans delivered.

ered. At the appointed hour the small boys of Trenton gathered by scores at the place of delivery. When the count was finished more than 75,000 cans had been surrendered and the boys had nearly \$300 in their pockets.

That was money well invested. Not only is the city of Trenton rid of a lot of rubbish, but it has been given an object lesson that ought to serve it well. Some of those enterprising small boys who gathered in the trash will realize the meaning of the work. The grown-ups who carelessly throw the cans away, to re-use where they fell, will in some measure appreciate the folly of such a performance. It is of course impossible to teach everybody the lesson of neatness at one stroke, but every such demonstration helps to raise the standard.

Washington is probably as careless as most other cities in the matter of disposing of its refuse, although it has an excellent collection and removal service here that helps materially in keeping the trash down in quantity. A tin-can crusade, at the rate that prevailed in Trenton, would be too expensive, perhaps, but it is to be hoped that the example set by the little Missouri community may be taken to heart by the local people.

The kaiser should not be blamed for enjoying popular melodramas. If his desire for thrills can be appeased by fiction, instead of by history, so much the better for the prospects of peace.

James J. Hill says he is only a high private in finance. Promotion will come easy, if his ambitions reassess themselves.

Editor Stead continues to be one of the most reliable producers of "copy" known to modern journalism.

E. H. Harriman may even go so far as to maintain this quietude until the time comes for starting another campaign fund.

Neither Bryan nor Roosevelt has invited John Temple Graves to come around and talk it over.

SHOOTING STARS.

Conclusive.

"Do you regard this prevalence of high prices as a sign of prosperity?" "Certainly," said Mr. Dustin Stark; "the fact that people can afford to pay them is a conclusive sign of prosperity."

Confidence.

"What the country's finances need is more confidence," said the patriot. "Well," answered Farmer Cornstoss, thoughtfully, "the only kind of confidence I ever had practical experience with was a game, and it does seem like we'd had most too much of that."

Delayed.

Spring is an exposition great. That's offered every year. It's frequently a little late. But all right when it's here.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "gits de credit or de blame foh great doin's when dey ain' no mo' 'sponsible foh dem dan de weather bureau is foh de weather."

Not a Trouble.

"The trouble," said the reformer, "is that people cannot be persuaded to think for themselves." "That's not a trouble," answered Senator Sorghum, "that's lucky for people like you and me who hire out to do their thinking for them."

Joy.

Once more the buds begin to sprout. Once more the sunbeams play; Once more the flowers are summoned out To make a holiday; The song birds gather to augment The general acclaim; Life is a thing of sweet content. The home team's won a game.

So tell us not in words of gloom Of griefs that may befall. At last the springtime is in bloom. At last we're playing ball. Fate vainly strives to fret us by The terrors it can frame. This thought makes every shadow fly; The home team's won a game.

Voices of the Phonograph.

From the New York Sun.

Phonographic records of the voice of the German Emperor William have arrived in this country for preservation at the Congressional Library and at Harvard University. In the former they ought to be, but will not be, filed with records by at least four Presidents of the United States. Nobody took steps to have these living documents preserved at Washington. The Smithsonian Institution has the dialects of Indians in phonograph form, but no utterances of statesmen. In America we have been busy with the scientific, sentimental and commercial application of the phonograph, and have paid little attention to its use as an historical accompaniment.

Railroads Should Aid Movement.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

Now that the railroad managers confess that their lines are so congested with business as not to be able to carry the freights entrusted to them, it is hoped they will abate some of their opposition to interior water transportation.

Hero Worship.

From the New York Sun.

Mr. Bryan and defeat are inseparable. It would seem that the democrats had sacrificed enough to their idol. American politics, however, has become a matter of hero worship in both parties.

Retains Sole Possession.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

At all events, Mr. Bryan, who accuses Mr. Roosevelt of stealing his idea, must admit that the President respects his rights of property in free silverism—his main and distinctive idea.

Professional Juries?

From the Chicago Inter Ocean.

The danger of raising the wages of jurors lies in the fact that it may have the effect of crowding what is now a more or less exclusive profession.

To Siberia.

From the New York Evening Post.

We are inclined to think that ex-Representative J. W. Wadsworth is headed straight for leg-chains, solitary confinement and bread and water.

But Why Should They?

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Really great ambassadors always find pleasure in coming to Philadelphia. Ambassador Bryce is simply the latest on the list.

Will Keep It Hustling.

From the Baltimore Sun.

The White House will have a busy time if it goes into the business of picking out all the undesirable citizens.

Survives a Landslide.

From the Boston Advertiser.

A California mining foreman was carried 1,500 feet in a landslide and was comparatively unharmed. Don't know his politics, but he would make a good democratic candidate for the presidency.

Would Cut Some Ice!

From the Buffalo Express.

Iceland would use a flag of her own and is even talking about independence. What would Iceland do as an independent nation?

Locating Mr. Stead.

From the Atlanta Journal.

Mr. Stead seems to be the Ben Tillman of London.

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\$5.00 to \$7.00 Plumes, \$2.98.

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